GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:119
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CLOSURE REVIVAL OF BARAUNI SINDHRI AND NAMRUP FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down the Barauni and Sindhri chemical fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the justification for closing down the Sindhri and Barauni fertilizer plants;

(d) the number of workers likely to be rendered jobless consequent upon the closure of the units and the proposal before the Government for the proper rehabilitation of the jobless workers;

(e) whether only Namrup fertilizer plant was revived whereas a decision was taken to close down others;

(f) whether an expert committee has recommended a revival scheme for the Sindhri and Namrup fertilizer plants;
(g) whether there is widespread resentment against closure of Barauni and Sindhri fertilizer plants from the people of Bihar and Jharkhand;
(h) if so, whether the Government propose to revive these two fertilizer plants; and
(i) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (i) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to
(i) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.119 to be answered on 26.11.2002

(a) to (c) The Government have decided to close down Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) including its Barauni unit and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) including Sindri unit excepting Jodhpur Mining Organisation (JMO) as these were not found techno-economically viable.

(d) The manpower of Barauni and Sindri units is 1137 and 2139, respectively. HFC and FCI have offered benefits under the Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) to the employees of the units/offices decided to be closed including the Barauni and Sindri units.

(e) The revamp of the Namrup Units of HFC approved in 1997 at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 509.40 crore is under implementation.

(f) to (i) The revival of Barauni unit of HFC and Sindri unit of FCI has not been found techno-economically viable.